



August 9, 2019

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RE: Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Sinyangwe:

The City of Santa Rosa ("City") is in receipt of your request for public records, which was received by the City on July 16, 2019.

Under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250, et seq.), the City is obliged to comply with a request for a public record so long as the requester makes a specific and focused request for records, the record is maintained by the City in its ordinary course of business, the record is disclosable, and the records can be located with reasonable effort. The Public Records Act provides for the inspection or copying of existing identifiable public records; it does not compel the City to create new records, lists, or reports in response to a request, nor does it compel the City to answer questions.

The City is required to determine whether the request, in whole or in part, seeks disclosable public records. Ordinarily, this determination must take place within ten (10) days of the City's receipt of the request. Consistent with that requirement, the City has reviewed your request in light of City records and made the following determination:

**REQUEST #1** The total number of police uses of force in 2018, broken down by type of force used (i.e. number of uses of tasers, number of uses of baton, etc.).

**DETERMINATION:** This request seeks information that is within disclosable public records.

1. Santa Rosa Police Department 2018 Use of Force Stats.

**REQUEST #2:** The total number of use of force complaints reported by civilians in 2018.

**DETERMINATION:** This request seeks information that is within disclosable public records. Although the City is under no obligation to answer questions in response to a request for public records, the City has made an exception in this case for the City's convenience. In response to this request, the Santa Rosa Police Department has made the following determination. There were 6 use of force complaints reported by civilians in 2018.

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**REQUEST #3:** The total number of use of force complaints reported by civilians that were sustained in 2018.

**DETERMINATION:** This request seeks information that is within disclosable public records. Although the City is under no obligation to answer questions in response to a request for public records, the City has made an exception in this case for the City's convenience. In response to this request, the Santa Rosa Police Department has made the following determination. There were 0 sustained use of force complaints reported by civilians in 2018.

**REQUEST #4:** All arrests data reported to the California Department of Justice via the Monthly Arrests and Citation Register program covering arrests made in 2017 and 2018, including (but not limited to) the age, race/ethnicity, gender, offense category (felony, misdemeanor, status offense), charge and disposition of arrestees.

**DETERMINATION:** This request seeks information that is within partially disclosable public records. Partial records are exempt from disclosure under Government Code section 6254, subdivision (f). In response to this request, the City has the following records:

1. Arrest Reports – Juveniles
2. Arrest Reports - Adults

The arrest data you requested is available on a flash drive at the cost of \$10. If you wish to obtain a copy of the flash drive, please remit a check payable to the City of Santa Rosa in the amount of \$10 and I will send the flash drive to you thereafter. Please mail or drop off a check, payable to **City of Santa Rosa**, to:

Santa Rosa Police Department  
Attn: Carrie L. Behler  
965 Sonoma Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at [cbehler@srcity.org](mailto:cbehler@srcity.org) or contact me at (707) 543-3554.

Sincerely,

CARRIE L. BEHLER  
Administrative Secretary

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